

REMARKS

The present application originally included claims 1-22, of which claims 1, 18, and 22 are independent claims. Claims 18-22 stand previously withdrawn based on restriction requirement, and are canceled herewith, subject to Applicants' right to file any desired divisional application(s) relative to such subject matter.

Additionally, without entry of any new matter, claims 7, 13, and 17 are canceled without prejudice, claims 1, 2, and 9-12 are amended herewith, and claims 23-31 are newly added.

Applicants note with appreciation:

- approval of the newly submitted drawings;
- withdrawal of previously stated rejection grounds under 35 U.S.C §112, first paragraph; and
- indication of allowability of the subject matter of claims 11-13.

Claims 1-17 stand variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Based on the claim amendments and cancellations herewith, it is respectfully requested that such grounds of rejection be withdrawn.

For example, the rejection relative to "preference" features of claim 1 is respectfully rendered moot by the present amendments, which reflect removal of such term. Also, the remaining claim language makes clear that prioritizing devolves from association relative to respective first and second data generators, wherefore there is respectfully no ambiguity about how priority occurs.

In view of the present amendments and the remarks herewith, withdrawal of such rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is requested.

After amendments herewith, the active claims include independent claims 1, 23, and 28. Claim 1 as amended includes language from allowable claim 13, wherefore such claim should be allowable in accordance with the subject Office Action. New independent claim 23 comprises a combination of claim language from claims 1, 2, 8, 9, and 12, wherefore such claim should be allowable in accordance with the subject Office Action. New independent claim 28 comprises a combination of claim language from

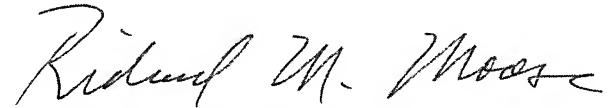
claims 1, 2, 8, 9, and 11, wherefore such claim should be allowable in accordance with the subject Office Action. The newly added dependent claims are derived from previous dependent claim language, wherefore no new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, all three active independent claims and their respective dependent claims should be allowable per the subject Office Action.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues of the Office Action have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present active claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-16, and 23-31, should be in condition for allowance, and that the subject application should be in condition for allowance. Action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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